Memorandum



Agenda Item No. 5(D)

Date:

July 16, 2013

To:

Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From:

Carlos A. Gimenez

Mayor

Subject:

Class I Permit Application by Miami Dade County to Trim and Alter Mangroves in a

Coastal Band Community and to Perform Non-Maintenance Dredging and Filling of

Tidal Waters and Halophytic Wetlands at Haulover Beach Park

Attached, please find for your consideration an application by Miami-Dade County for a Class I permit. Also attached is the recommendation of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources and a proposed resolution approving the issuance of the Class I permit.

Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor

Memorandum MIAMI-DADE

Date:

July 16, 2013

To:

Carlos A. Gimenez

Mayor

From:

Jack Osterholt Deputy Mayor, Director

Department Regulatory and Economic Resources

Subject:

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Coastal Band Community and to Perform Non-Maintenance Dredging and Filling of Tidal

Waters and Halophytic Wetlands at Haulover Beach Park

Recommendation

I have reviewed the attached application for a Class I permit by Miami-Dade County. Based upon the applicable evaluation factors set forth in Section 24-48.3 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), I recommend that the Board approve the issuance of a Class I permit for the reasons set forth below.

Scope

Haulover Beach Park is located at 13700 Collins Avenue in Commission District 4 (Commissioner Heyman).

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Not applicable

Track Record/Monitor

The Coastal and Wetlands Resources Section Manager, Lisa Spadafina, within the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Division of Environmental Resources Management (RER-DERM), will be responsible for monitoring the proposed permit.

Background

This Class I permit application requests authorization to dredge and fill tidal waters and halophytic (salt tolerant) wetlands, and to trim and alter mangrove trees that are part of a Coastal Band Community in order to expand the boat storage and launching facilities at the Haulover Beach Park Marine Center. The proposed work associated with the Haulover Park Dry Stack Facility must be approved by the Board at a public hearing because a portion of the work is specifically referenced in Section 24-48.2 of the Code as work that shall be processed as a standard form application. Therefore, a standard form application including a public hearing is required.

Haulover Beach Park (Park) is a County Park that includes beach areas on the Atlantic Ocean and marina facilities and other recreational amenities on the west side of State Road A1A, adjacent to the Intracoastal Waterway. The location of the work proposed in the subject application is the northwest end of the Park property, in an area north of the existing Haulover Marine Center. The Haulover Marine Center currently includes a boat storage dry stack and launching facilities, trailer parking, and a restaurant and a marine supply store, which are adjacent to a small boat basin connected to the Intracoastal Waterway. The applicant is proposing to expand the Marine Center by constructing the Dry Stack Facility, which will include a larger boat storage building, a seawall, additional paved surface areas for boat launching, boat slips and improved parking. The existing boat storage dry stack will be removed. Site diagrams are included in Attachment B.

During the processing of the Class I permit application, the applicant coordinated with RER-DERM to ensure that the expanded facilities were sited to minimize environmental impacts to existing

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resources by maximizing the use of the existing upland fill pad and connecting the launching area to the existing boat basin.

The footprint of the proposed Dry Stack Facility is approximately 3.43 acres, of which 0.73 acres of wetlands and tidal waters will be impacted by dredging and filling, installing a new seawall for shoreline stabilization, and installing a boat launching area with associated access gangways and piers. Restoration activities proposed in this permit application include the removal of exotic vegetation and grading of upland areas to plant mangroves for the creation of 1.0 acre of wetlands, and filling of 0.36 acres of an excavated borrow canal adjacent to the Oleta River State Recreational Area. Filling this portion of the borrow canal will improve water quality and provide an elevation and substrate that are suitable for the recruitment and colonization of seagrasses and algae.

Section 24-48.3 of the Code requires mitigation for permittable projects that otherwise result in adverse environmental impacts. Mitigation for the impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposed Dry Stack Facility will be satisfied through the restoration activities detailed above. To provide for the future preservation of the remaining and proposed wetland areas, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department and the Miami-Dade Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources will designate the remaining and proposed halophytic wetland restoration areas, measuring 11.7 acres, as mitigation areas. The Class I permit and Memorandum of Understanding will also require that these areas be monitored for success, managed appropriately, and maintained free of exotics in perpetuity.

The project site is located immediately west of an area that is designated by the Manatee Protection Plan. The project site is located immediately west of an area that is designated by the Manatee Protection Plan as essential habitat for the *Trichechus manatus* (West Indian Manatee). However, the proposed project location is in an area recommended for the creation and expansion of commercial marinas, dry storage facilities, transitory docks, boatyards or boat ramps, partially due to the proximity to a channel that provides direct access to the Atlantic Ocean. This area is also frequently patrolled by marine law enforcement agencies. Therefore, the proposed work is not anticipated to result in adverse impacts to manatees. The Class I permit will require that all standard construction permit conditions regarding manatees be followed during all in-water operations and manatee information signs will be located in the area of the new Dry Stack Facility.

The proposed project has been designed in accordance with all relevant Miami-Dade coastal and wetland construction criteria and is consistent with all other Miami-Dade coastal and wetland protection provisions. Please find attached a Project Report which sets forth the reasons the proposed project is recommended for approval pursuant to the applicable evaluation factors set forth in Section 24-48.3 of the Code. The conditions, limitations, and restrictions set forth in the Project Report attached hereto are incorporated herein by references hereto.

Attachments

Attachment A: Class I Permit Application

Attachment B: Owner/Agent Letter, Engineer Certification Letter, and Project Sketches

Attachment C: Zoning Memorandum

Attachment D: Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources Project Report



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

July 16, 2013

FROM:

County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 5(D)

Please	e note any items checked.
	"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
	6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
	4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
	Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
·	Budget required
	Statement of fiscal impact required
	Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
	No committee review
	Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's, 3/5's, unanimous) to approve
)	Current information regarding funding source, index code and available

Approved	Mayor	Agenda Item No. 5(D)
Veto		7–16–13
Override		

RESOLUTION NO.	

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CLASS I PERMIT APPLICATION BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO TRIM AND ALTER MANGROVES IN A COASTAL BAND COMMUNITY AND TO PERFORM NON-MAINTENANCE DREDGING AND FILLING OF TIDAL WATERS AND HALOPHYTIC WETLANDS AT HAULOVER BEACH PARK, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board having considered all the applicable factors contained within Section 24-48.3 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, hereby approves the application by Miami-Dade County for a Class I permit application to trim and alter mangroves in a coastal band community and to perform non-maintenance dredging and filling of tidal waters and halophytic wetlands at Haulover Beach Park, Miami-Dade County, Florida, subject to the conditions set forth in the memorandum from the Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The issuance of this approval does not relieve the applicant from obtaining all applicable Federal, State, and local permits.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

> Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro Jose "Pepe" Diaz Sally A. Heyman Jean Monestime Sen. Javier D. Souto

Esteban Bovo, Jr. Audrey M. Edmonson Barbara J. Jordan Dennis C. Moss

Juan C. Zapata

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of July, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

> MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Thomas H. Robertson

Attachment A Class I Permit Application



Class I Permit Application

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY					
Date Received:			Application Number:		
			Application Fee:		
Application must be filled	out in its ent	irety. Please indicate N/A	for non-applicable fields.		
1. Applicant Information:	:		2. Applicant's Authorized Permit Agent:		
Name: Miami-Dade Count	У		Agent is allowed to process the application, furnish supplemental information relating to the application and bind the applicant to all requirements of the application.		
Address: 111 NW First S	Street		Name: EAS Engineering, Inc.		
Miami, Florida	Zip	Code: <u>33128</u>	Address: _55 Almeria Avenue		
Phone #: 305-468-5900	Fax#: _		Coral Gables, Florida Zip Code: 33134		
Email:			Phone #: 305-445-5553		
* This should be the applicant's inform	nation for contact p	ırpəses.	Email: <u>eswakon@eas-eng.com</u>		
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☐ Single Family					
☐ Multi-Family Proposed Vessel Type (s): ☐ Private		Proposed Vessel Type (s)	: Various		
X Public		Vessel Make/Model (If known):			
☐ Commercial		Draft (s)(range in inches.): Length (s)(range in feet.):			
☐ Utility		Total Number of Slips:	512 dry slips, 9 wet slips		
7. List all permits or certif	ications that	have been applied for or o	btained for the above referenced work:		
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FDEP	Permit	Pending			

8. Contractor Information (If known):			
Name: To Be Determined	License #	(County/State):	
Address:		Zip Code: _	
Phone #: Fax #:	E-mail:		
9. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICATION of the application is completed below. You have in this application.	WILL NOT BE PROCESSED unless the ve the obligation to apprise the Department	ne Applicant and Owner of any changes to it	er Consent portion of information provided
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Appropriate signature(s) must be included in:

Box 9: either A, B or C

<u>AND</u>

Box 10: either A or B

Attachment B

Owner/Agent Letter, Engineer Certification Letter, and Project Sketches

PERMIT APPLICANT / AUTHORIZED AGENT STATEMENT

Date: June 10, 2013

<u>To:</u>
Miami-Dade County RER
Class I Permitting Program
701 NW 1st Court
Miami, Florida 33136

Re: Class I Standard Form Permit Application Number 2011-CLI-PER-00155

By the attached Class I Standard Form permit application with supporting documents, I, Lisa Martinez, Senior Advisor, Miami-Dade County, am the <u>permit applicant</u> and hereby request permission to perform the work associated with Class I permit application 2011-CLI-PER-00155. I understand that a Miami-Dade County Class I Standard Form Permit is required to perform this work.

If approval is granted for the proposed work by the Board of County Commissioners, complete and detailed plans and calculations of the proposed work shall be prepared by an engineer licensed in the State of Florida in accordance with the minimum requirements of Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Said plans and calculations shall be subject to the review and approval of the Department. The permit applicant will secure the services of an engineer licensed in the State of Florida to conduct inspections throughout the construction period, and said engineer shall prepare all required drawings of record. In the event that the proposed work which is the subject of this Class I Permit application involves the cutting or trimming of a mangrove tree(s), a detailed plan of the proposed cutting or trimming shall be prepared by a licensed landscape architect and submitted to the Department for review and approval, and the permit applicant will secure the services of a licensed landscape architect to supervise the trimming or cutting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Martinez, Sénior Advisor, Miami-Dade County

Permit Applicant

ENGINEER STATEMENT

EAS ENGINEERING, INC.

55 ALMERIA AVE. • CORAL GABLES • FLORIDA 33134 • (305) 446-5553 • FAX: (305) 444-2112 • ESWAKON@EAS-ENG.COM

May 10, 2013

Miami-Dade County RER Class I Permitting Program 701 NW 1st Court Miami FL, 33136

RE: Class I Permit Application Number 2011-CLI-PER-00155

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter will certify that I am an engineer licensed in the State of Florida, qualified by education and experience in the area of engineering design and inspection, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the proposed work does not violate any laws, rules or regulations of the State of Florida or any provision of the Code of Miami Dade County which may be applicable, that diligence and recognized standard practices of the engineering profession have been exercised in the engineer's design of the proposed work, and in my opinion based upon my knowledge and belief, the following will not occur:

- a. Harmful obstruction or undesirable alteration of the natural flow of the water within the area of the proposed work.
- b. Harmful or increased erosion, shoaling of channels or stagnant areas of water. (Not applicable to class IV permits)
- c. Material injury to adjacent property.
- d. Adverse environmental impacts from changes in water quality or quantity. (Applicable to class IV permits only)

Further, I have been retained by the applicant to provide inspections throughout the construction period and to prepare a set of reproducible record prints of drawings showing changes made during the construction process based upon the marked-up prints, certified surveys, drawings, and other data furnished by the contractor to me.

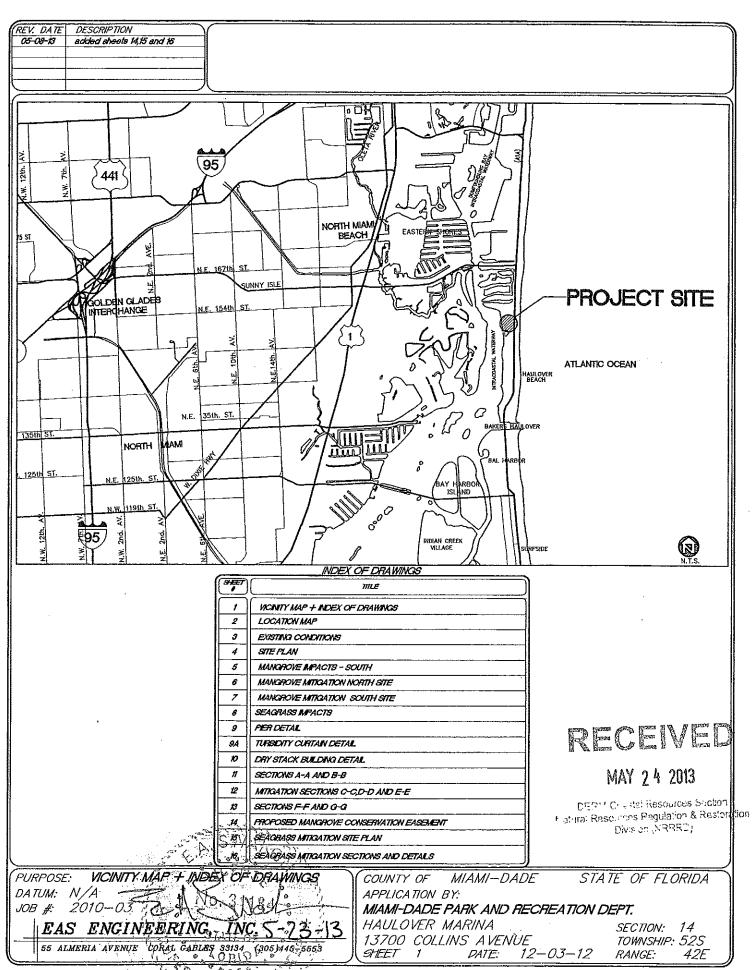
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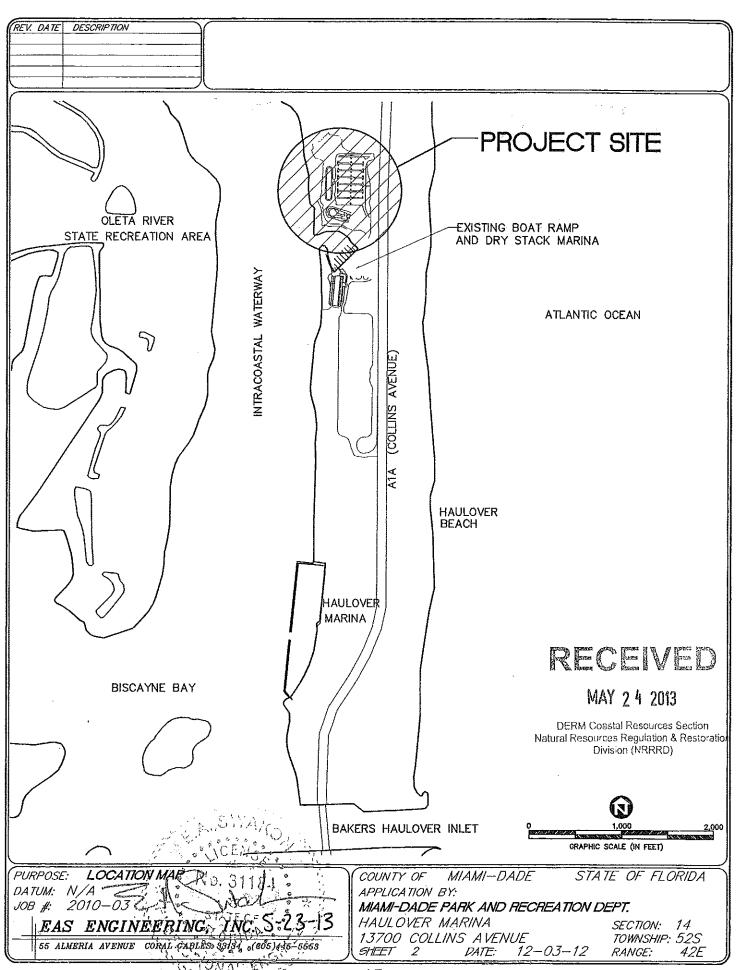
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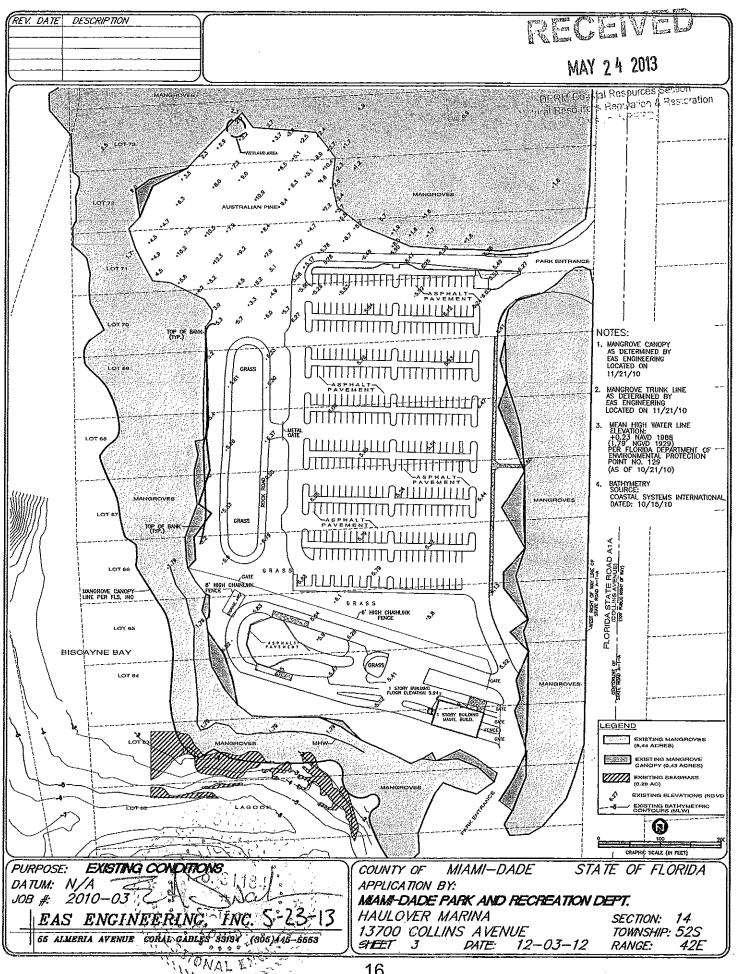
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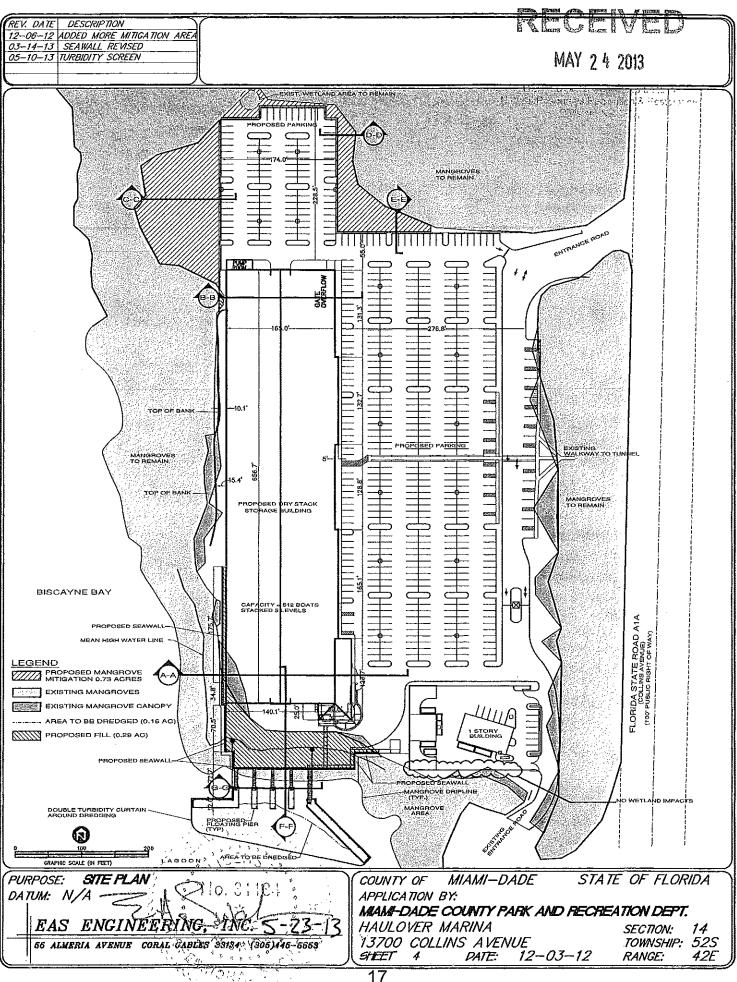
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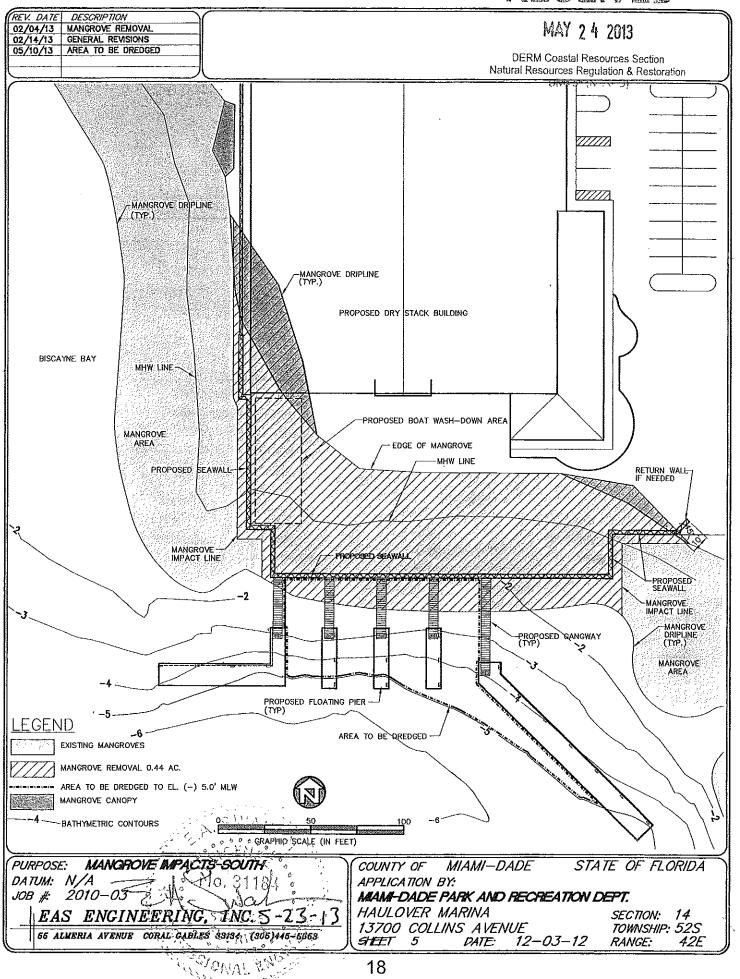


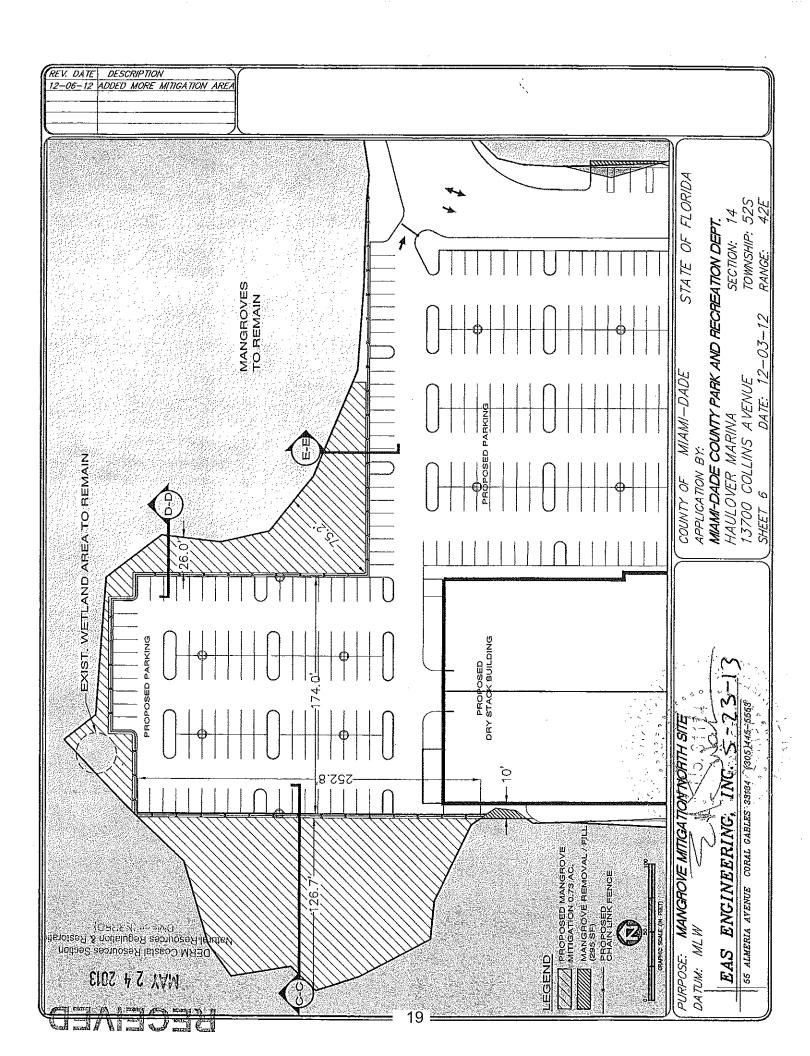




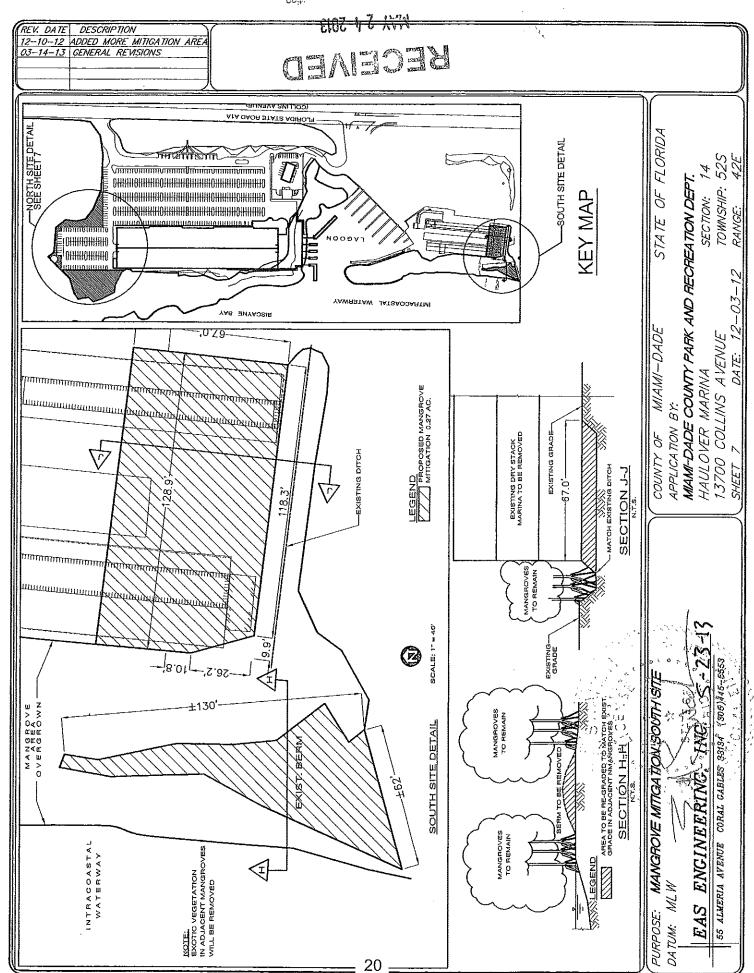


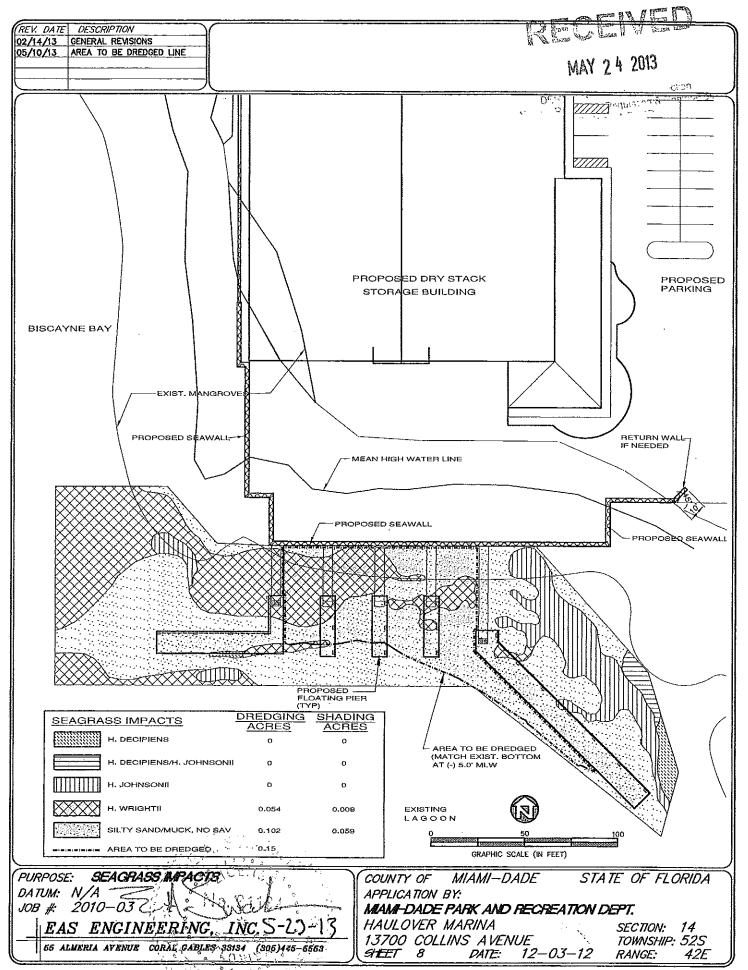
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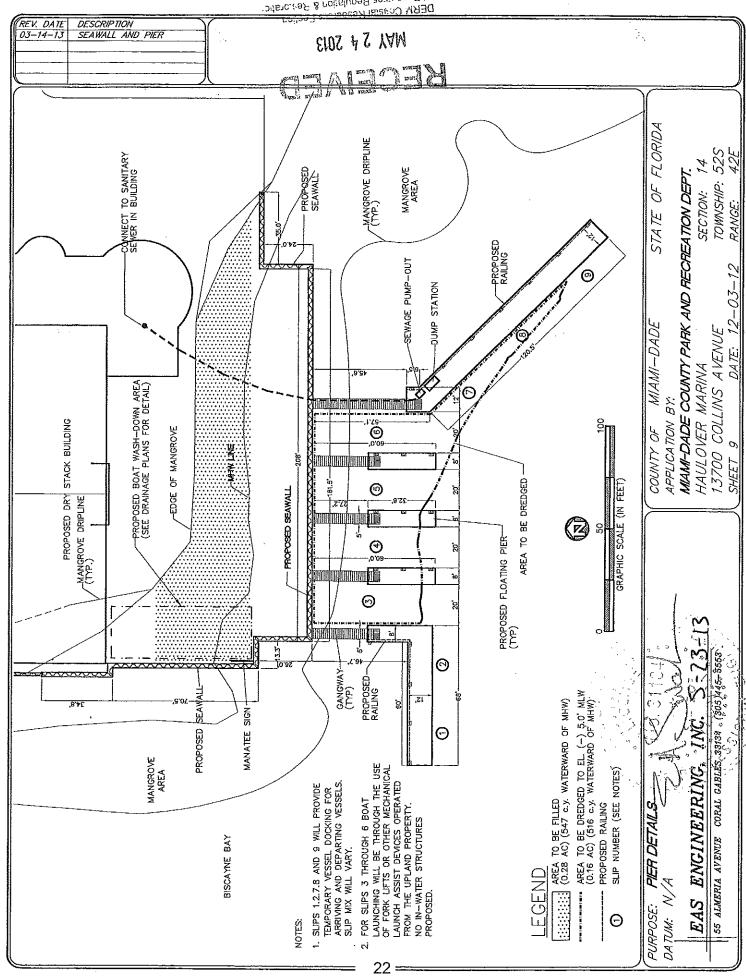


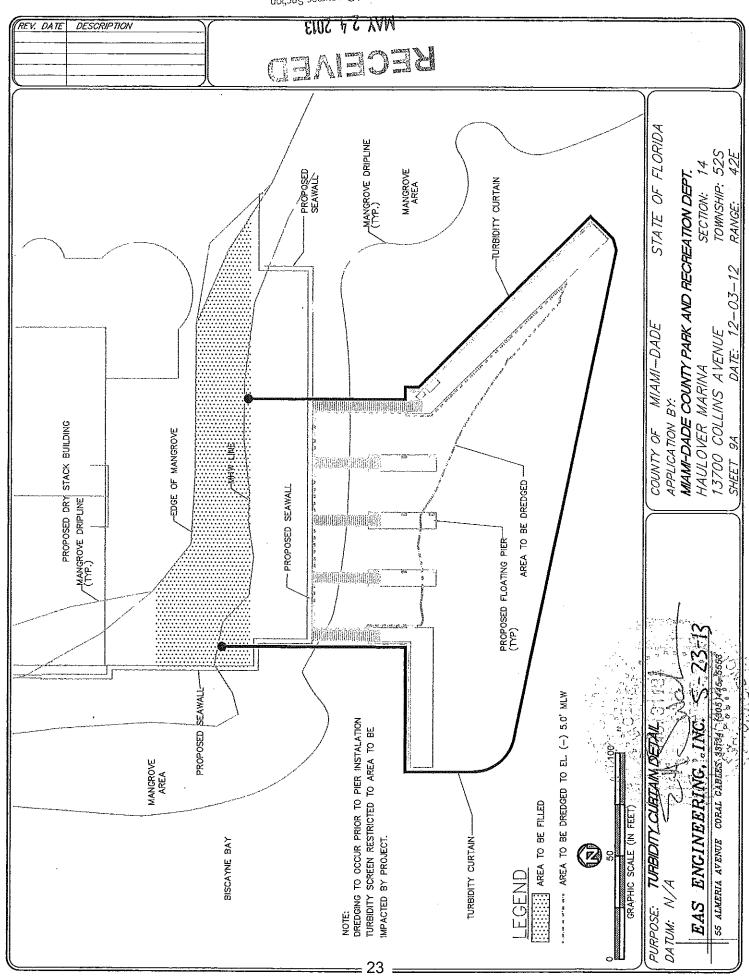
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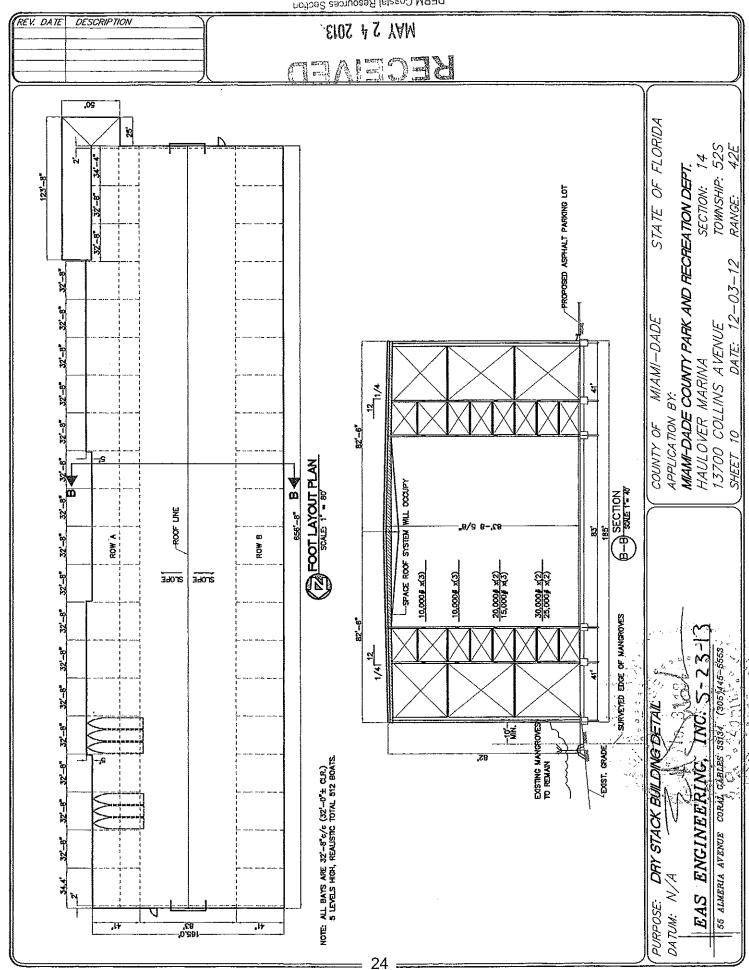


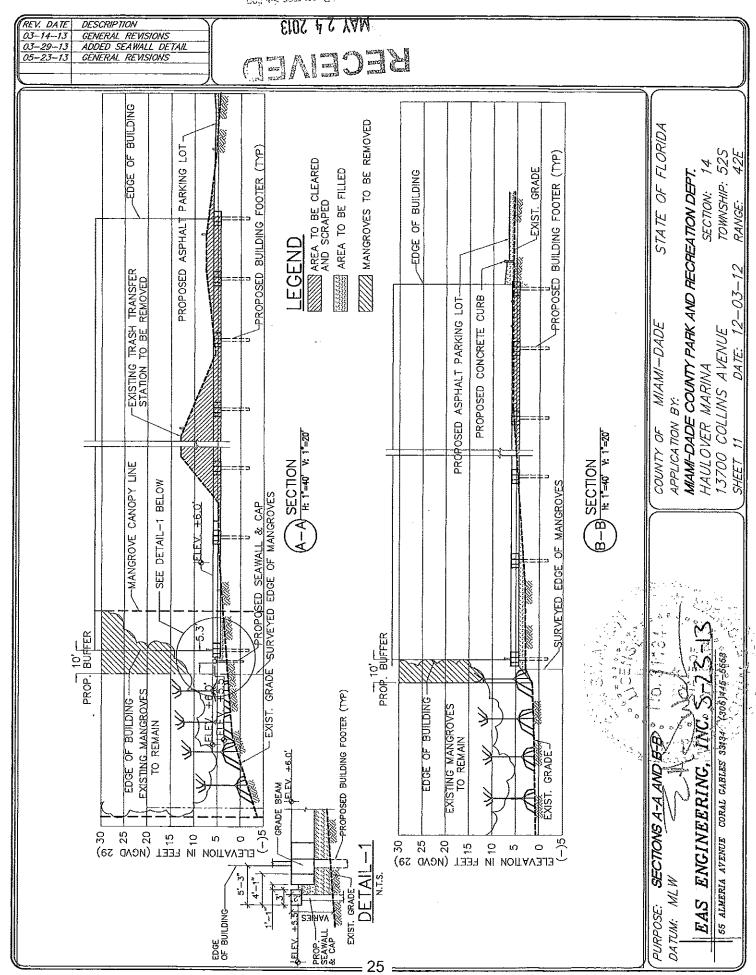


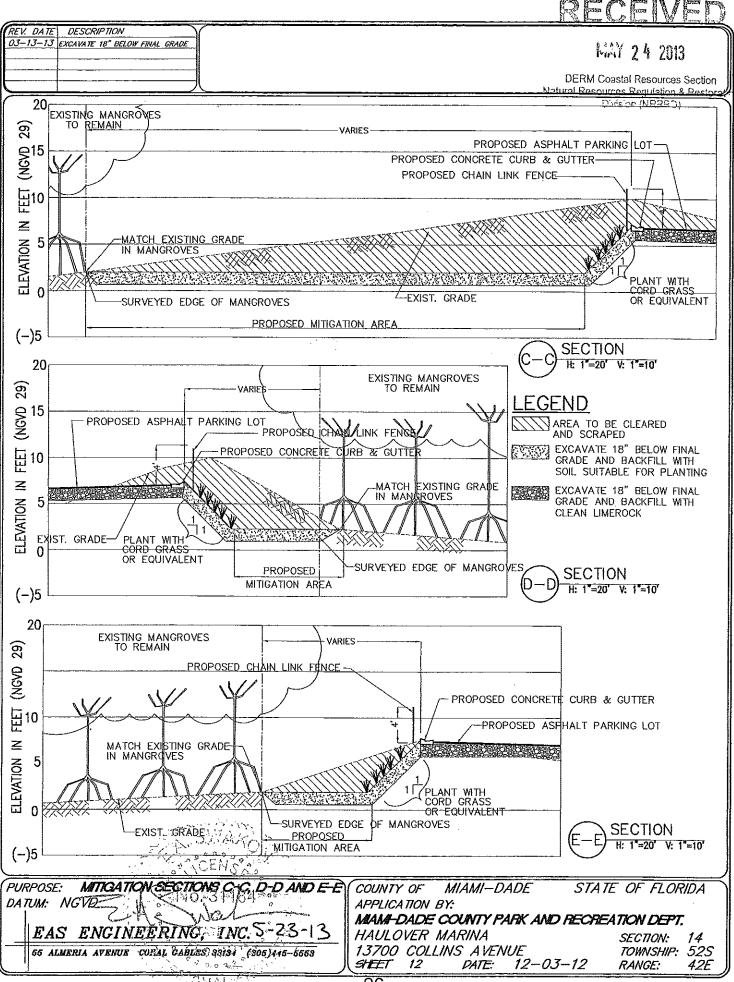
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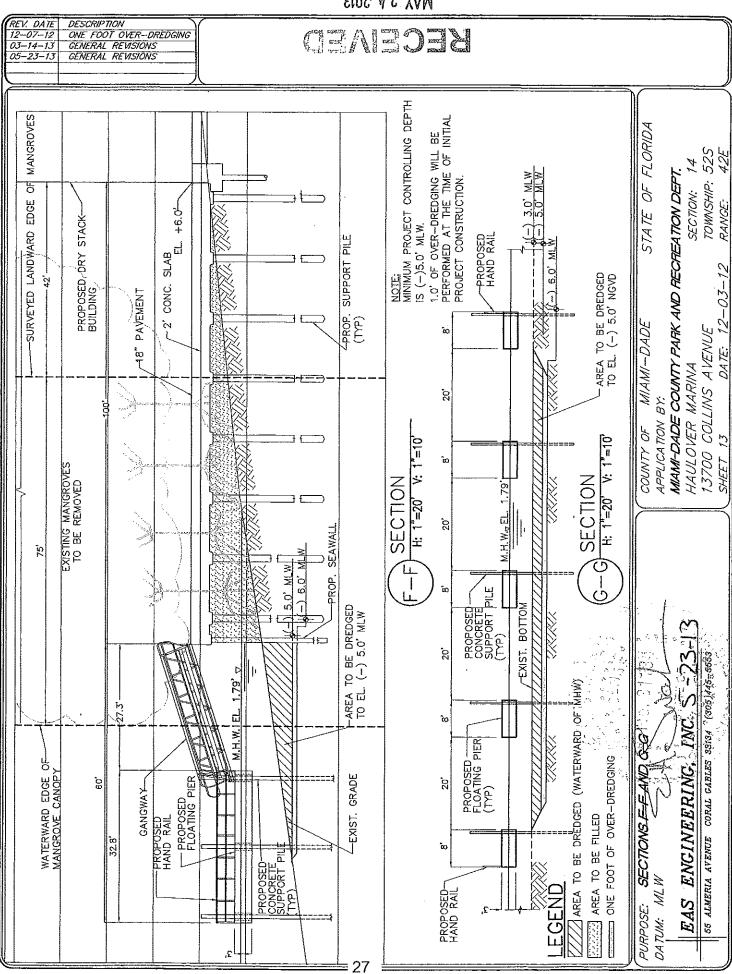






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Attachment C Zoning Memorandum

Memorandum WIAMIPADE

Date:

June 13, 2013

To:

Lisa Spadafina, Manager

Coastal and Wetlands Resources Section

Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources

From:

Allison Hill, Biologist II 4

Coastal and Wetlands Resources Section

Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources

Subject:

Class I Permit Application by Miami-Dade County to Trim and Alter Mangroves in a Coastal Band Community and to Perform Non-Maintenance Dredging and Filling of Tidal Waters and Halophytic Wetlands at Haulover Beach Park

Pursuant to Section 24-48.2(II)(B)(7), of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a substantiating letter shall be submitted by the applicant stating that the proposed project does not violate any zoning laws. Said letter will be submitted after approval by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and prior to issuance of the Class I permit.

Attachment D

Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources
Project Report

PROJECT REPORT CLASS I PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2011-CLI-PER-00155

Class I Permit Application by Miami-Dade County to Trim and Alter Mangroves in a Coastal Band Community and to Perform Non-Maintenance Dredging and Filling of Tidal Waters and Halophytic Wetlands at Haulover Beach Park

DATE: May 28, 2013

Staff's recommendation of approval for the above-referenced permit application is based on the applicable evaluation factors under Section 24-48.3 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), Florida. The following is a summary of the proposed project with respect to each applicable evaluation factor:

1. Potential Adverse Environmental Impact – The proposed Haulover Dry Stack Facility project will result in environmental impacts to 0.73 acres of halophytic (salt-tolerant) wetlands and tidal waters, including mangroves that are part of a Coastal Band Community as defined in Section 24-5 of the Code. The wetland area is primarily vegetated with Rhizophora mangle (red mangrove), although Laguncularia racemosa (white mangrove), and Avicennia germinans (black mangrove) are also present. A sparse coverage of seagrass, including Halophila johnsonii (Johnson's Seagrass) was documented in the footprint of the proposed dredge area. In order to avoid and minimize environmental impacts, the applicant maximized the use of the existing upland fill pad and connected the new boat launching area to the existing boat basin.

To mitigate for environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposed project, restoration activities will include the removal of exotic vegetation and grading of upland areas to plant mangroves for the creation of 1.0 acre of wetlands and filling of 0.36 acres of an excavated borrow canal adjacent to the Oleta River State Recreational Area. Filling this portion of the borrow canal will improve water quality and provide an elevation and substrate that are suitable for the recruitment and colonization of seagrasses and algae. Mitigation required to offset the impacts of the proposed work was calculated using the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method rule under Chapter 62-345, FAC.

To provide for the future preservation of the remaining and proposed halophytic wetland areas, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department and the Miami-Dade Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources will designate the remaining and proposed halophytic wetland restoration areas, measuring 11.7 acres, as mitigation areas. The Class I permit and Memorandum of Understanding will also require that these areas be monitored for success, managed appropriately, and maintained free of exotics in perpetuity.

The project site is located immediately west of an area that is designated by the MPP as essential habitat for the *Trichechus manatus* (West Indian Manatee). However, the proposed project location is in an area that is recommended for the creation and expansion of commercial marinas, dry storage facilities, transitory docks, boatyards or boat ramps, partially due to the proximity to a channel that provides direct access to the Atlantic Ocean. This area is also frequently patrolled by marine law enforcement agencies. Therefore, the proposed work is not anticipated to result in adverse impacts to the West Indian Manatee. The Class I permit will require that all standard construction permit conditions regarding manatees be followed during all in-water operations and manatee information signs will be located on-site in the area of the new dry storage facility and launching area.

- Potential Cumulative Adverse Environmental Impact The proposed project is not reasonably expected
 to result in cumulative adverse environmental impacts.
- 3. <u>Hydrology</u> The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect surface water drainage or retention of stormwater.
- 4. <u>Water Quality</u> The construction phase of the proposed project may temporarily impact water quality. In order to minimize impacts to surface waters, the Class I permit shall require that a water quality monitoring plan and proper turbidity controls be implemented during the proposed work to ensure turbidity levels within the surrounding waters do not exceed State and County water quality standards.
- 5. Wellfields Not applicable.
- 6. Water Supply Not applicable.
- 7. Aquifer Recharge Not applicable.
- 8. <u>Aesthetics</u> The proposed project was reviewed and received a "No Need to Comply" determination by the Miami-Dade County Shoreline Development Review Committee. During the construction process, there may be temporary aesthetic impacts related to the presence of equipment and other machinery associated with the construction activities.
- 9. <u>Navigation</u> The proposed project includes dredging a portion of the existing boat basin to provide adequate water depths for navigational access to the existing channel.

- 10. Public Health The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect public health.
- 11. Historic Values The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect historic values.
- 12. <u>Archaeological Values</u> The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect archaeological values.
- 13. Air Quality The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect air quality.
- 14. Marine and Wildlife Habitats The proposed project involves the removal of mangrove wetlands and dredging of the existing basin, which may result in temporary impacts to marine and wetland habitat. However, the project site is directly adjacent to a high quality marine and wetland system that can be used as alternate habitat, and additional habitat areas will be created, increasing the overall quality of the wetland system at the property. In addition, unavoidable impacts to marine and wildlife habitats have been minimized and shall be mitigated as set forth in Number 1 above.

The project was evaluated for consistency with the MPP as set forth in Number 1, and not anticipated to result in adverse impacts to the habitat for the West Indian Manatee.

- 15. Wetland Soils Suitable for Habitat The proposed project will result in the removal of wetland soils suitable for habitat. However, the project site is directly adjacent to a high quality wetland system that can be used as alternate habitat. In addition, unavoidable impacts to wetland soils suitable for habitat have been minimized and shall be mitigated as set forth in Number 1 above.
- 16. <u>Floral Values</u> The proposed project will result in impacts to floral values as a result of the removal of vegetation and the excavation of halophytic wetland areas. However, the impacts have been minimized and shall be mitigated as set forth in Number 1 above.
- 17. Fauna Values The proposed project may result in temporary impacts to fauna values due to the displacement of fauna such as small mammals and wading birds. However, the project site is directly adjacent to a high quality wetland system that can be used as alternate habitat and unavoidable impacts to fauna have been minimized and shall be mitigated as set forth in Number 1 above.
- 18. Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species The proposed project is not reasonably expected to result in adverse environmental impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species. The proposed project is located within Halophila johnsonii (Johnson's Seagrass) Critical Habitat and is also located immediately west of an area that is designated by the MPP as essential habitat for the Trichechus manatus (West Indian Manatee). However, the impacts have been minimized and shall be mitigated as set forth in Number 1 above.
- 19. <u>Natural Flood Damage Protection</u> The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect surface water drainage or retention of stormwater.
- 20. Wetland Values The proposed project is expected to adversely affect wetland values. The proposed project involves the removal of 0.44 acres of mangrove wetlands and dredging of a portion of the basin. These impacts will adversely affect the wetland value. Although the work will result in adverse impacts to the mangroves and wetland in the location of the proposed launch area, the project location is one of few areas designated by the MDCMPP as an area suitable for marina expansion and the impacts to wetlands have been minimized and shall be mitigated as set forth in Number 1 above.
- 21. <u>Land Use Classification</u> Pursuant to Section 24-48.2(II)(B)(7), of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a substantiating letter shall be submitted stating that the proposed project does not violate any zoning laws. Said letter will be submitted after the approval by the Board of County Commissioners and prior to the issuance of a Class I permit.
- 22. <u>Recreation</u> The proposed project does not conflict with the recreation element of the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan.
- 23. Other Environmental Values Affecting the Public Interest The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect other environmental values affecting the public interest. The proposed project will occur on lands owned entirely by the applicant.

- 24. Conformance with Standard Construction Procedures and Practices and Design and Performance Standards The proposed project complies with the standard construction procedures and practices and design and performance standards of the applicable portions of the following:
 - a) Chapter 33B of the Code of Miami-Dade County
 - b) Miami-Dade County Public Works Manual
- 25. <u>Comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (CEIS)</u> In the opinion of the Director, the proposed project is not reasonably expected to result in significant adverse environmental impacts or cumulative adverse environmental impacts. Therefore, a CEIS was not required by RER to evaluate the project.
- 26. <u>Conformance with All Applicable Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations</u> The proposed project is in conformance with applicable State, Federal and local laws and regulations:
 - a) Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County
 - b) United States Clean Water Act US Army Corps of Engineers, (permit is required)
 - c) Florida Department of Environmental Protection (permit is required)
- 27. <u>Conformance with the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP)</u> In the opinion of the Director, the proposed project is in conformance with the CDMP. The following is a summary of the proposed project as it relates to the CDMP:

LAND USE ELEMENT I:

<u>Objective 3/Policies 3A, 3B, 3C</u> - Protection of natural resources and systems. – The proposed project is consistent with the Conservation and Coastal Management Elements of the CDMP. The project is compatible with surrounding land uses in Biscayne Bay and does not involve development in the Big Cypress area of Critical State concern or the East Everglades.

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT II

Aviation Subelement/Objective 9 - Aviation System Expansion - There is no aviation element to the proposed project.

Port of Miami River Subelement/Objective 3 - Minimization of impacts to estuarine water quality and marine resources. The proposed project is not located within the Miami River.

CONSERVATION, AQUIFER RECHARGES AND DRAINAGE ELEMENT IV:

Objective 3/Policies 3A, 3B, 3D - Wellfield protection area protection. - The proposed project is not located within a wellfield protection area.

<u>Objective 3/Policy 3E</u> - Limestone mining within the area bounded by the Florida Turnpike, the Miami-Dade/Broward Levee, N.W. 12 Street and Okeechobee Road. - The proposed project is not located within this area.

Objective 4/Policies 4A, 4B, 4C - Water storage, aquifer recharge potential and maintenance of natural surface water drainage. - The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect water storage, aquifer recharge potential or natural surface water drainage.

<u>Objective 5/Policies 5A, 5B, 5F</u> - Flood protection and cut and fill criteria – The proposed project will not compromise flood protection.

<u>Objective 6/Policy 6A</u> - Areas of highest suitability for mineral extraction. - The proposed project is not located in an area proposed or suitable for mineral extraction.

<u>Objective 6/Policy 6B</u> - Guidelines for rock quarries for the re-establishment of native flora and fauna. - The proposed project is not located in a rock quarry.

Objective 6/Policy 6D - Fill material on-site is suitable for the support of development. – The proposed project shall utilize clean fill.

<u>Objective 7/Policy 7A</u> - No net loss of high quality, relatively unstressed wetlands. – Although the proposed project will result in impacts to halophytic wetlands and tidal waters, the impacts have been minimized and will be mitigated as set forth in Number 1 above.

Objective 9/Policies 9A, 9B, 9C - Protection of habitat critical to Federal or State-designated threatened or endangered species. – The proposed project is located within Johnson's Seagrass Critical Habitat, and adjacent to an area designated by the MPP as essential habitat for the West Indian Manatee. The proposed project is not reasonably expected to adversely affect habitat critical to Federal or State-designated threatened or endangered species, as the impacts have been minimized and will be mitigated as set forth in Number 1 above.

COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT VII:

Objective 1/Policy 1A - Tidally connected mangroves in mangrove protection areas - The project is located within a designated "Mangrove Protection Area." Although the proposed project will result in impacts to mangrove wetlands in a location designated a Mangrove Protection Area, the project is water dependent, and the impacts have been minimized and will be mitigated as set forth in Number 1 above.

<u>Objective 1/ Policy 1B</u> - Natural surface flow into and through coastal wetlands. - The proposed project is not reasonably expected to affect natural surface flow into and through halophytic wetlands.

<u>Objective 1/ Policy 1C</u> - Elevated boardwalk access through mangroves. - The project does not involve pedestrian access through mangroves.

Objective 1/Policy 1D - Protection and maintenance of mangrove forests and related natural vegetative communities. - The proposed project will result in impacts to mangrove wetlands. However, upland areas immediately adjacent to the impact site will be graded to wetland elevation and planted with halophytic wetland vegetation, and the impacts have been minimized and shall be mitigated as set forth in Number 1 above.

Objective 1/Policy 1E - Mitigation for the degradation and destruction of coastal wetlands. Monitoring and maintenance of mitigation areas. — To mitigate for the impacts associated with the proposed project, upland areas immediately adjacent to the impact site will be graded to wetland elevation and planted with halophytic wetland vegetation, and will be managed and maintained as set forth in Number 1 above.

Objective 1/Policy 1G - Prohibition on dredging or filling of grass/algal flats, hard bottom or other viable benthic communities, except as provided for in Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. — The proposed project involves dredging of a viable benthic community; however, the work is consistent with the provisions in Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and impacts have been minimized and will be mitigated set forth in Number 1 above.

<u>Objective 2/Policies 2A, 2B</u> - Beach restoration and renourishment objectives. - The proposed project does not involve beach restoration or renourishment.

<u>Objective 3/Policies 3E, 3F</u> - Location of new cut and spoil areas for proper stabilization and minimization of damages. - The proposed project does not involve the development or identification of new cut or spoil areas.

<u>Objective 4/Policy 4A, 4C, 4E, 4F</u> – Protection of endangered or threatened animal species - The proposed project is not reasonably expected to affect endangered or threatened animal species or habitat, as set forth in Numbers 14 and 18 above.

<u>Objective 5/Policy 5B</u> - Existing and new areas for water-dependent uses. - The proposed project will improve existing water-dependent uses.

Objective 5/Policy 5D - Consistency with Chapter 33D, Miami-Dade County Code (shoreline access, environmental compatibility of shoreline development) - The proposed project was reviewed and received a "No Need to Comply" determination by the Miami-Dade County Shoreline Development Review Committee. During the construction process, there may be temporary aesthetic impacts related to the presence of equipment and other machinery associated with the construction activities.

<u>Objective 5/Policy 5F</u> - The siting of water-dependent facilities. - The proposed project will enhance the existing water-dependent facilities.

28. <u>Conformance with Chapter 33B, Code of Miami-Dade County</u> (East Everglades Zoning Overlay Ordinance) – The proposed project is not located within the East Everglades Area.

- Conformance with Miami-Dade County Ordinance 81-19 (Biscayne Bay Management Plan Sections 33D-1 through 33D-4 of the Code of Miami-Dade County) - The proposed project is consistent with the Biscayne Bay Management Plan.
- 30. Conformance with the Miami-Dade County Manatee Protection Plan The proposed project is located within an area designated by the MPP as essential habitat for the West Indian Manatee, and is consistent with the MPP as set forth in Number 1 above.
- 31. <u>Consistency with Miami-Dade County Criteria for Lake Excavation</u> The proposed project does not involve lake excavation.
- 32. <u>Municipality Recommendation</u> Pursuant to Section 24-48.2(II)(B)(7), Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a substantiating letter shall be submitted stating that the proposed project does not violate any zoning laws. Said letter will be submitted after the approval by the Board of County Commissioners and prior to the issuance of the Class I permit.
- 33. <u>Coastal Resources Management Line</u> A coastal resources management line was not required for the proposed project, pursuant to Section 24-48.2(II)(B)(10)(b) of the Code of Miami-Dade County.
- 34. Maximum Protection of a Wetland's Hydrological and Biological Functions Although the work will impact wetlands, the impacts have been minimized and shall be mitigated as set forth in Number 1 above.
- 35. Class I Permit Applications Proposing to Exceed the Boundaries Described In Section D-5.03(2)(a) of the Miami-Dade County Public Works Manual Not Applicable

The proposed project was also evaluated for compliance with the standards contained in Sections 24-48.3(2),(3), and (4) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The following is a summary of how the standards relate to the proposed project:

24-48.3 (2) <u>Dredging and Filling for Class I Permit</u> — The proposed project complies with the following criteria:

 a) Minimum dredging and filling for the creation and maintenance of marinas, piers, docks and attendant navigational channels.

24-48.3 (3) Minimum Water Depth Required for Boat Slips Created by the Construction or Placement of Fixed or Floating Docks and Piers, Piles and Other Structures Requiring a Permit Under Article IV, Division 1 of Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County - The proposed project is consistent with Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

24-48.3 (4) Clean Fill in Wetlands - The proposed will utilize clean fill.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A QUASS I PERMIT BE APPROVED.

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